



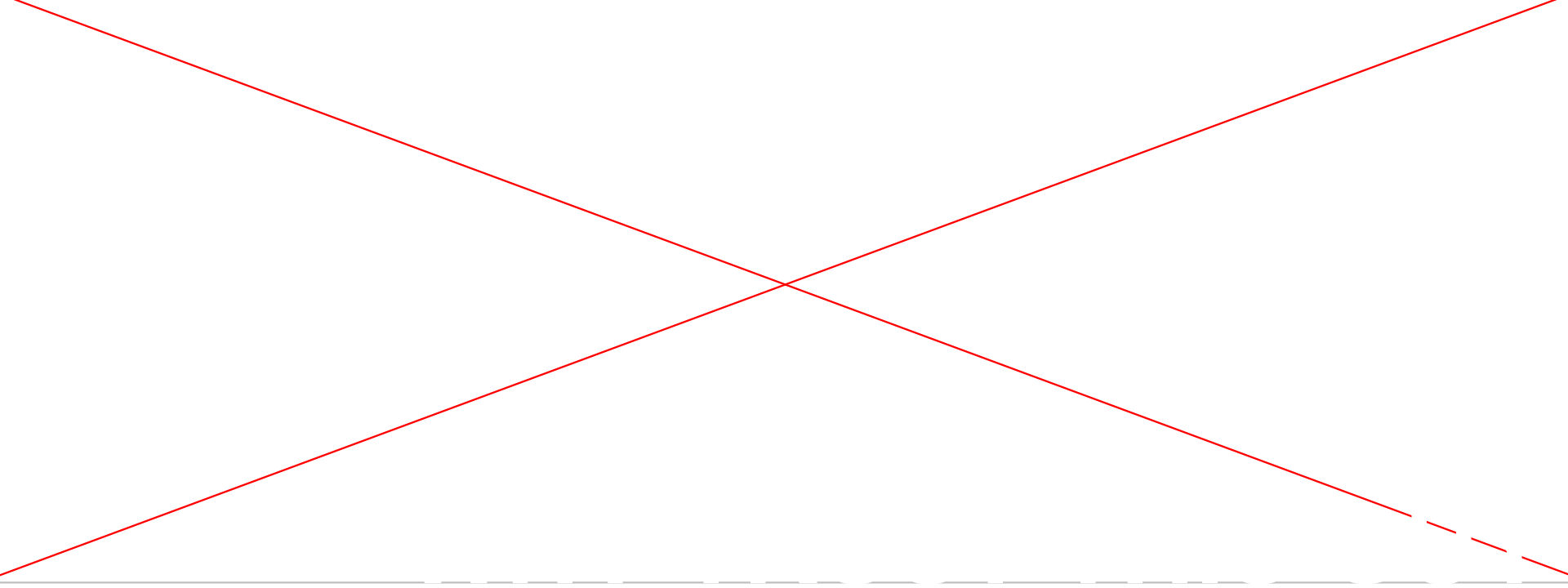
# 7 Things

I Wish Somebody Told Me

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# #7thingsdev

## 7 THINGS I WISH SOMEBODY TOLD ME

- Technical, Mental
- Mentor or Mentee
- Tweet **#7thingsdev**

Don't forget "dev"  
otherwise you'll be in a  
Miley Cyrus trend...





- Parents and siblings
- What can we learn from hate?
- Find someone's passion



- There always is...
- jQuery ⇒ Javascript
- Python Apps ⇒ Linux kernel



#2

# Find a Mentor

How many of you have a **mentor**?



When is the last time you **thanked** them?

# #2

What's happening?

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Hi @jamesrodenkirch I just wanted to thank you for all the help you've given me over the years - you're a great mentor. #7thingsdev



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Tweet

@jamesrodenkirch == your mentor's handle

#2

# Be a Mentor

Sometimes  
there is no label

You learn from teaching

Giving is getting ahead <sup>(1)</sup>





- Users will lie to you
- They aren't doing it on purpose
- Your car mechanic loves you?



- **Bugs** are **bad**, they erode trust
- No one is perfect (2)
- Release the quality you'd expect



How many  
programmers  
does it take  
to change a  
lightbulb?

**None.** That's a hardware problem.





- If they didn't want it, you wouldn't do it
- **We** are serving **them**
- Learn from restaurant servers



# #6

## 2 DEVELOPMENT PATHS

- Innovation
- Stabilization
- Sandcastle builders know (3)





# #7

## DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT

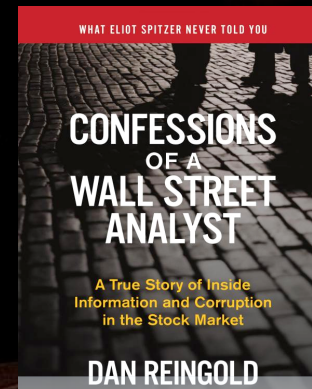
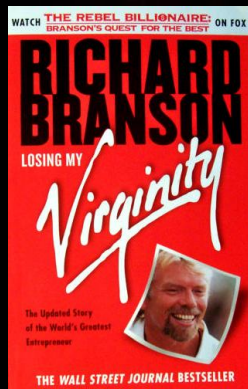
- Play an instrument
- Go for a walk
- Read something else

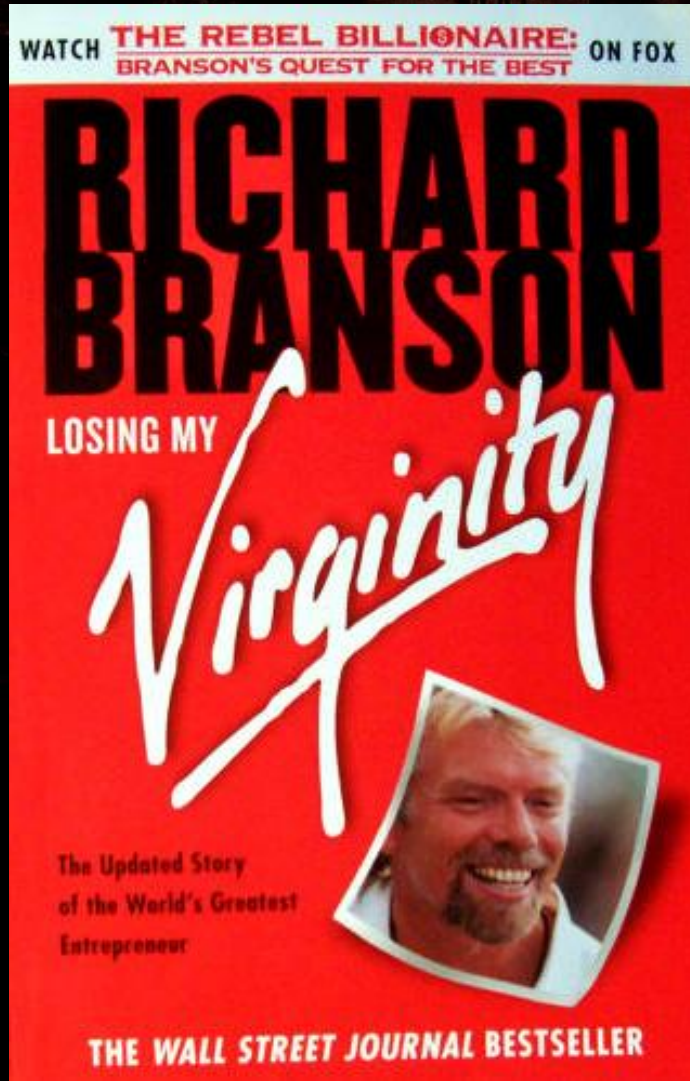
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# From my Mentor

Reading increases vocab  
History is not what, but why  
Geeks make the best lovers (4)

# What I learned from these books helped me to become a better programmer





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Don't be afraid  
to take a gamble



## DECISION POINTS



GEORGE W.

(6)

There are always  
more conditions  
than you might  
be aware of



WHAT ELIOT SPITZER NEVER TOLD YOU

# CONFESSIONS OF A WALL STREET ANALYST

A True Story of Inside  
Information and Corruption  
in the Stock Market

DAN REINGOLD

(7)

You don't know  
everything you  
thought you did

# REVIEW

- Learn from everything
- Find someone smarter
- Log everything
- Test everything
- We are customer service
- Two development paths
- Do something different







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Same Place, Same Time



# WE ARE DONE!

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